

PRODUCTIVE LITTLE TANTIE

Located on Taylor's Creek at the Northern Edge of Okeechobee

A SUGAR CANE SECTION

Mr. Hancock Replies to Inquiry of Miami Metropolis and Denies Intemperance of the Voters of his Precinct.

Tantie, Fla., Sept. 23, 1906.

Editors TRIBUNE:

I noticed a little squib in the columns of Florida Topics in last week's issue of your much esteemed paper, copied from the Miami Metropolis, insinuating that our citizens of Tantie must be drinking people, and that it would be interesting to know what kind of a place Tantie really is.

Now, my dear sirs, if you will give me a little space, I will endeavor to give our interested friend, the editor of the Metropolis, as well as others who may feel interested, a little idea of what Tantie is, where it is, and some of her people's reasons for the stand they took in the recent wet and dry election.

First, we deny the charge of being intemperate. I have lived in this district three years and have seen only one drunken man, and he was a man from New York down here on a pleasure trip. No settlement can boast of a more sober class of citizens than we have. We voted wet, it is true, but we did it through honest convictions, and we believed to vote wet would be to the interest of our country. We look upon whiskey as a great public evil, and the best way to control it is through licensed saloons in hands of good men. We looked upon the issue that was before the people of St. Lucie not as a temperance issue, but an issue between licensed saloons and blind tigers—two great evils—and of the two we believe the saloon to be the lesser. The tiger, you know, is a beast of the woods and he thrives in the country better than in town, and as Tantie is only a small country settlement and headquarters for a great many trappers and hunters, our people dread the idea of tigers.

Our settlement is small, our citizens are few, and we all pull together because we believe that where there is unity there is strength. We are almost unanimously of one belief; consequently we vote in harmony. We are Democrats and were beaten in the election, and we most humbly and willingly submit to the wishes of the majority of the good people of St. Lucie county, and take it for granted they are right, and gladly co-operate with them in their efforts to keep down the appearance of the much dreaded tiger.

I promised in the beginning to give the editor of the Metropolis some idea of Tantie. Now, dear Mr. Editor, just get down your map and find Lake Okeechobee. Look to the north side of the Kissimmee river and you will find between Eagle Bay and Chauncey Bay that a splendid river known as Taylor's Creek empties into the lake from the north. This river takes its name from the famous General Taylor who so laboriously struggled with the Indians near Okeechobee during the Seminole war. It might be interesting to you to know that Tantie is situated about five miles from the lake up this creek within a short distance of the place upon which the famous battle was fought between Gen. Taylor's men and the Seminoles.

Tantie is in the center of the garden spot of Florida. The rich hammock lands in this vicinity are in quality second to none in the State, and are especially adapted to the raising of sugar cane, oranges and bananas. The raising of pepper, onions, potatoes, cabbage, or any kind of truck for the market in the winter will be one of Tantie's paying pursuits when we get proper transportation.

Taylor's creek is a magnificent stream about fifteen miles in length, ten miles of which is navigable for good sized vessels. Such boats as the Suwanee and Naomi of Fort Myers, made regular trips to Tantie last winter. The scenery of Taylor's creek between Tantie and the lake is very

beautiful. The health of the country is excellent. Had Ponce de Leon found the inlet from the Gulf to Okeechobee he might have found the fountain of immortal youth for which he was seeking.

Tantie is a small country settlement in St. Lucie county. We have a post-office, school and one store. Our citizens are cattle men and farmers. We raise very fine sugar cane on our rich hammock lands. The writer of this article had two and one-half acres in cane in last winter from which was made 800 gallons of fine syrup. The cane in this patch would have averaged twelve feet in height. The longest one that was measured was sixteen feet and eight inches high. I have four acres of this cane growing now, and can cut cane that will measure thirteen feet, and it has three more months to grow. It has been ratooned three years and has never had a plow in the field.

This is the method of planting: I clear off all the natural growth and open furrows by chopping the roots with a broad axe, and trench out the furrow with a grubbing hoe, place the cane and cover with weeding hoe, and cultivate by keeping the bushes sprouted off the stumps. My four acres cost me eight dollars this year for cultivation, and I think it will produce more than a thousand gallons of syrup. If the glades are drained thousands of acres of such land will be developed in this section.

In addition to Tantie's many other natural advantages, she is a probable railroad center. A railroad running across the peninsula starting from Bradentown on the west coast, connecting Mitchellville, Fort Meade, Midland, Avon Park and Bassinger, and terminating at Fort Pierce, will connect with the waters of Okeechobee at Tantie; and a railroad running from Orlando south by Fort Drum through the fine turpentine property owned by the Consolidated Land Company will be continued to Taylor's creek for the purpose of transporting the product of the big cypress mills that are to be installed in the rich bodies of cypress timber that border the lake near Tantie.

When these projected railroads become a reality, when the everglades are drained, when Congressman Clark's ship canal is completed across the State from Hickory Bluff to Stuart, when our citizens are living in cement houses made by Edison's new patent house molds, when our streets are lighted by electric lights, and when we succeed in getting the county site of St. Lucie county at Tantie, then the Editor of the Metropolis, I think, will be willing to move his good paper here and change its name to "The Tantie Metropolis."

Trusting that I have given you some idea as to what Tantie is, what it is not and what it may become, I am

Yours respectfully,
H. H. HANCOCK.

SAD DROWNING NEAR EAU GALLIE

Last Saturday night a man named Stiller, a fisherman and boatman residing in Cocoa, left home to sail to Eau Gallie. Accompanying him was his eight-year-old daughter, Viola. En route and when near Eau Gallie a severe rain and wind storm came up. The wind blew with fearful force, and in maneuvering his boat the boom girded suddenly, striking Stiller on the head and knocking him overboard. It is believed he was rendered unconscious, as the child says he did not rise to the surface but once, when he disappeared from sight and was drowned. All night long the boat drifted about, the frightened girl the only occupant, with the wind and rain continuing. Early Sunday morning the craft went ashore at Pineda, several miles from the place where Stiller lost his life, and a short time afterwards the child, fast succumbing to her sufferings and experience, was rescued and returned to her home. Stiller's body was recovered Monday morning and buried in the cemetery at Eau Gallie.—Titusville Star.

Will Wrestle at Carnival.

Plans are on foot to have Charles Leonhardt, the Greco-Roman wrestler who has for more than twenty years held the medium weight championship of the world, matched for the Jacksonville Carnival, which will be held November 5 to 10.

THE NEWSOME TRIAL STILL ON

Will Probably Not be Completed Until This Afternoon.

ONLY TRIAL OF COURT

First Murder Case of St. Lucie County Consumes a Week and Exhausts Panel of Hundred Jurymen.

The grand jury of the fall term of circuit court finished its duties last Friday and the work of the court was commenced that morning. The first case on the docket was the State of Florida vs. Neptune Newsome, charged with murder. The defendant plead not guilty and the work of selecting a jury was commenced. A special venire of fifty was exhausted the first day, and court adjourned till Monday morning, while the sheriff summoned another venire of fifty.

The jury was completed Monday afternoon composed of the following: D. L. Walker, W. F. Baughman, F. C. Gifford, O. Roach, M. M. Mitchell, E. J. Ricou, O. Olsen, D. E. Austin, Dan Sloan, H. J. Conner, A. B. Micheal, C. J. Reams.

The examination of witnesses consumed all the time up to about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, when the argument by the lawyers was commenced.

Every point was contested by both sides and it has been a constant battle of brains and law. Some of the brightest legal talent in the State was engaged on the case. Major Alex St. Clair Abrams, of Jacksonville, assisted States Attorney John C. Jones in the prosecution; for the defense, Congressman Frank Clark, of Gainesville, Frank Pope, of Jacksonville; Judge Isaac A. Stewart, of Deland; Otis R. Parker and C. T. McCarty, of Fort Pierce.

The court room has been crowded at all times since the trial begun and at least a third of the audience has been ladies.

THE TRIBUNE of June 29 gave meager details of the occurrence. On Thursday, June 28, Neptune Newsome and Willis Hall, two boys, about 14 years of age, became engaged in a quarrel, which had apparently blown over, but less than hour later, while Willis Hall was passing up Palmetto avenue, opposite THE TRIBUNE office, he was met at right angles by Neptune Newsome who was on an errand for his father.

Two shots were heard and the Hall boy was fatally wounded and died within two or three hours.

Just here statements of the witnesses conflict. The defendant claims self defense, stating that the Hall boy attacked him with a knife at the time of the shooting, while the State denies the knife being in the hands of the boy.

At this writing (Thursday afternoon) States Attorney Jones is on the opening plea for the prosecution. He will be followed by C. T. McCarty, Judge Stewart, Frank Clark and Frank Pope for the defense. Major Abrams, for the prosecution, will close the argument. The case will probably go to the jury this, Friday, afternoon.

FRENCH CAPITALISTS INVEST IN FORT PIERCE

L. P. Barranger, of Laval, France, arrived in Fort Pierce last week, and the announcement was made Wednesday that he had purchased the pineapple plantation of Dr. Henry Ehrlich, just south of town, for \$12,500, cash.

Mr. Barranger represents a syndicate of French capitalists who intend to invest \$250,000 in this section, and the first installment of the investment was the purchase of the above valuable property. The syndicate has given full power to Mr. Barranger, and will rely on his judgment on all investments. He will keep a vigilant eye on all property along the river front, and when opportunity offers more will be added to the recent purchase.

Mr. Barranger, who will remain here permanently, informs us his family will arrive from France some time during the winter. The family, consisting of his wife, one son and five daughters,

all highly educated, will no doubt be a great addition to the social life of Fort Pierce. They will occupy the residence purchased from Dr. Ehrlich.

Realizing the advantages of our climate, location, and the beneficent results to be obtained from the exhilarating ocean breezes, it is their intention to establish an up-to-date sanitarium at this place. Michael Gascoin, a prominent lawyer and physician of Laval, is the prime mover in this enterprise, and after viewing the surroundings and the various locations Mr. Barranger is negotiating for the purchase of the shell mound now owned by Judge J. E. Andrews and Col J. F. Budd, for this purpose. Should satisfactory arrangements be made, a handsome building will be erected, overlooking the river, and fitted with all the modern appliances for sanitarium work. Some of the best physicians and surgeons of France will be put in charge, and it is their intention to make it the most complete institution of its kind in the South. Six Sisters of Charity will be installed as nurses.

A sample of the Budd Spring water was sent to the State Chemist Wednesday for analysis, and if it is found to contain certain medicinal virtues it will be piped to the building and used.

As soon as arrangements are made and it is definitely known what property will be used, two distinguished men of France will immediately start for Fort Pierce and spend the winter with Mr. Barranger, and the details will be arranged. We hope to announce a definite plan in the near future.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Ehrlich, who have just returned from a pleasant journey in Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France, will return to Chicago, where their son, George, will resume his studies at Chicago University. They will remain here, however, until Mr. Barranger is acquainted with the surroundings and settled comfortably.

Approaching Marriage.

The friends of the contracting parties have received the following invitation: "Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cato invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Lela, to Mr. Arthur B. Brown, Monday evening, October eighth, First Baptist Church, Alachua, Florida, nineteen hundred and six, at eight o'clock. At home, Fort Pierce, Florida, after October twentieth."

Miss Cato is one of Alachua county's most charming daughters, and comes from one of the most prominent and oldest families of the county, and will be a decided addition to the social life of Fort Pierce.

Mr. Brown is a member of the firm of Wilson & Brown, proprietors of THE TRIBUNE and has made a host of friends in Fort Pierce and vicinity during his eight months' residence here who join with THE TRIBUNE staff in extending congratulations and best wishes.

COLORED MAN KILLED AT ANKONA

Jerry Pender, a colored man who has been employed for some time by Britt Bros. and Edgar Lewis at Ankona, died Sunday night from injuries received by being struck by passenger train No. 88, Saturday night. His left leg was mangled horribly and his right leg and thigh broken.

Drs. Lloyd and VanLandingham were summoned, and did everything possible for the wounded man but he succumbed at 9 o'clock Sunday night.

Pender had a good reputation in his community as a hard-working industrious man. He leaves a wife and two children.

Death of Mr. James McFarlane.

Mr. James McFarlane, one of the oldest and best known citizens of this section, dropped dead from heart failure Monday afternoon at his home about eight miles up Lake Worth. Mr. McFarlane has been in poor health for the past ten weeks or more, and had been in this city for medical attention. Monday afternoon, almost immediately after leaving the house, he fell, and before he could be reached, he had died.—Tropical Sun.

The ten-day old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tylander died last Sunday morning, from some affection of the spine. The sympathy of the town is extended to the bereaved parents.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT

Recommends Bonding to Build Hard Surfaced Roads.

LAUD COMMISSIONERS

Consider the New Jail an Honor to The County and a Monument to Efforts of County Commissioners.

To the Honorable Minor S. Jones, Judge of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida:

We, the Grand Jury in and for St. Lucie County, Florida, being in session assembled, and sworn to serve as such at the fall term of the said court, having attended to the duties set us to do to the best of our ability, beg to submit this final presentment in addition to the special presentments heretofore made. We have carefully investigated all charges of crime brought before us, and found true bills where in our judgment the evidence sustained them. We have examined with the aid of the committees the offices and records of the Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, County Judge, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, and Superintendent of Education and School Board, and County Commissioners. The Clerk's office, the County Judge's office, and the Sheriff's office we have examined and found in perfect order, all records and documents being kept with neatness, completeness, and order, and we commend the several officers for the same. We recommend that the Sheriffs' and County Judge's offices be furnished with a safe repository for their records. The offices of the Treasurer and Tax Collector we find neat and in order. We have received very complete reports from the County Commissioners and Superintendent of Public Instruction and School Board, and we commend them for the faithful discharge of their various duties. From the report of the County Commissioners in regard to roads, we see no way that permanent results can be obtained except by bonding the county. We therefore recommend that the County Commissioners, from expert estimates of the cost, be authorized to proceed as fast as possible to this result.

From the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (a full report of which is incorporated in the minutes of this body), we beg to make the following recommendation: Nothing can be nearer the hearts of the people than the subject of education. We heartily commend the past efforts of our educational board, and further recommend the establishment of a special tax school district, comprising the entire county, according to the present school law, and a tax of two and one-half mills thereafter be levied on said special school district for the purpose of placing the educational affairs of our county on a firm and permanent basis, thereby relieving the present and anticipated deficit in our school affairs. We further appreciate the necessity of a High Graded School in our county and recommend that the necessary means be employed to submit at an election at the earliest date practicable the question of bonding for a sum sufficient to purchase a suitable site and erect buildings thereon to accomplish this end, thereby offering the advantages of higher education to the youth of our county equal to any in the State. And further, that the subject of compulsory education be presented by our Representative at the next session of the Legislature, and that he use every effort to accomplish this end.

We beg to commend our County Commissioners for the zeal and judgment manifested in the erection of our jail, and that we consider the same an honor to our county and a monument to their efforts.

We wish to express our regard and appreciation to John C. Jones, Esq., Solicitor for the State, for his consideration and patience and courtesy shown to this body during its deliberations, and also to His Honor, Minor S. Jones, Judge of this Circuit Court, for the kindness and courtesy shown this body, and also to the officers of this county for courtesies shown.

JNO. S. CURETON, Foreman.
E. A. HOLT, Clerk.